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# A MOST TRVE RELATION OF THE PRESENT STATE of His MAJESTIES Army;

Wherein also the truth of that Declaration published by the Parliament, of their happy Victory in the Battaile at Keynton, is both justly asserted and abundantly proved, humbly presented by the Author who was personally present, to the Honourable the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled.

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*It is this day ordered by the Committee of the House of Commons in Parliament touching examinations, that this Relation be printed.*

MILES CORBETT.

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I Should thinke it a Sinne in mee beyond all Expiation, if ſhould not do my beſt, (and yet judge that too little) fo preſerving my own Country from that imminent Ruine where with it is now threatned by his Majeſties adverſe Ar my, and not apprehending a more probable way therero then by nouriſhing love, and union in all of my own mynd, and, for tha end, removing all theſe needles *Panique* fleares, whereunto the Commoi people are naturally too prone, I have here undertaken (for their further joy, and comfort,) both to ſhew them the condition of his Majeſties pre ſent Army, and likewiſe the fortune of his former at *Keynton*: upon which two Crutches (as not unfitt Supporters) their weakeſt Expectations may ſtill with ſafety leane. To ſay nothing of the manner, whereby it wa atchieved, (which is better deſcrib'd by the Parliaments Declaration then it can be by my ruder, and more unpratiz'd pen,) I will only inſiſt on the matter of Victory, then obtained thereby the Parliament, though by the King denyed, which I prove by two reaſons, that are equally unanſwerable: Firſt, becauſe the King both loſt more men, then the other ſide, and thoſe of his, that fell, were a great deale more conſiderable, for the Quality of their Perſons, and Dignity of their places; and ſecondly in regard that their Army kept the Field, when the King's (upon it's rowting) was gladd to ſteale away; I might rather ſay Flye, which they did with clypped wings: For no leſſe, then five whole Regiments, (and thoſe their very-beſt, both for Number of men, and compleatnes of furniture) by name, the Lord Generalls, Sir *Raphe Duttone's*, Colonell *Blage's*, Colonell *Bollis's*, and Sir *Lewis Dyve's*; which, though it ſcaped beſt, because he, and Captain *Slingsby* are yet left alive, all the other foure's Officers being wholly cutt of, together with the Souldiers that ſerv'd under their Command; yet that Regiment now hath nothing, but their bare lives to boaſt of: whereby it's heard condition is not rendered much better. I might likewiſe add a third as materiall for my purpoſe, and that is the new face of his Majeſties preſent Army, dawb'd over with the Paynt of deluding Hypocriſy, wherein there is now few that commande

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in the other, but new ones entertained, and many of them Papists; by name, the Lord Viscount *Taff*, Colonell of a Regiment of foot, with Captain *Thomas Trafford*, his Serjeant Major the Lord Viscount *Dillon*, Captain of a troop of Horse; Captain *Babthorp*, Serjeant Major to the Earle of *New-castle*, Colonell of a Regiment of foot, and the Kings new Generall of his whole Army; Captain *Stanley*, Serjeant Major to Captain *Henry Hastings*, now Colonell of a Regiment of foot, besides a thousand Dragoneeres, that he had before; Captain *Wagstaff*, Serjeant Major to Sir *Thomas Glentham*, Colonell of a Regiment of foot; Captain *Iohn Digby*, younger sone to the Earle of *Bristoll*, Lieutenant Colonell to the Lord Viscount *Grandisons* Regiment of foot, who hath likewise another of Horse, and besides is Lieutenant-Generall of his Majesties whole Army; master *Endymion Porter*, Colonell of a Regiment of foot; Captain *Murray*, Lieutenant Colonell to master *Iohn Bellasis*, younger sone to the Lord *Falconbridg*, and Colonell of a Regiment of foot; another Captain *Stanley*, Lieutenat Colonell to Sir *Charles Lucas*, Colonell of a Regiment of foot; Captain *Kelley*, an *Irish* man, Serjeant Major to the said Regiment; Captain *Roger Powell*, now prisoner here in Town, Serjeant Major to Sir *Iohn Gooderick* Baronet, Colonell of a Regiment of foot; and Captain of a troop of eight score Horse; Captain *Savage*, Lieutenant Colonell to Sir *Edward Osborne* Baronet, Colonell of a Regiment of foot; and Captain *Brien Oneile*, Serjeant Major to the same; Sir *Iohn Digby*, younger brother to Sir *Kenelme*, Captain of a troop of Horse; and one master *Stamford of Warwickshyr*, his Cornett; Sir *Iohn Smith*, Knight Banneret, (and so made, for recovering the Kings lost Standard,) Captain of a troop of Horse; Sir *Iohn Beaumont*, Baronet, Colonell of another Regiment of foot; Captain *Dormer*, sone to master *Anthony Dormer of Grove-park* in *Warwickshyr*, one of Colonell *Beaumonts* private Captains, who hath many more of that Religion in his Regiment, though their names be unknown to me, and would willingly have no other, as this Relations Author by experience can affirme, who refused, for that reason, to be his eldest Captain, which Command he did offer him at the graunt of his commission; and part of these Commanders left their charges in *Ireland*, (which suffers more in nothing, then in lack of able Leaders,) to receive imployment here from the King, as he pleaseth; by name Sir *Faithfull Fortescue*, (most unworthy such a name) now Lieutenant Colonell to the Lord Viscount *Killmorry*, Colonell of a Regiment of foot, and Serjeant Major Generall of the Army; Captain *Roger Bradshagh*; Lieutenant Co-

lonell to Captain *Herbert Price* Server to the Queene, who is Colonel of a Regiment of foot; Captain *Henry Washington*, Lieutenant Colonell to Sir *Iohn Gooderick* Baronet, Colonell of a Regiment of foot; Captain *Guy Moulsworth*, Lieutenant Colonell to the Lord Viscount *Cromwell* Colonell of a Regiment of foot; Captain *Richard Willis*, (who had commission for a troop of Horse in *Ireland*, but never came over,) Serjeant Major to the Lord Viscount *Grandison's* Regiment of Horse; Captain *Woodhouse*, that expected a Lieutenant Colonells place, but very lately had none; and Captain *Green*, (who had a commission for a company in *Ireland*, but never went over,) Serjeant Major to the Eearle of *Northamptons* Regiment of foot for the strength of the Kings Army, it lye's chiefly in his Horse, whereof there are these Regiments, and no more, besides the Kings two troopes, the one of his own Servants, and some choice Volunteers, and the other of their Followers, both which are neere six hundred; First, the Prince his own Regiment, wherein are teen troopes; first his own, commanded by Captain *Thomas Byron*, who is likewise Serjeant Major of that Regiment; 2. the Duke of *Yorks*, first commanded by the Lord *d'Aubigny*, slayne in the battaile neare *Keynton*, and now by master *Charles Cavendish*, younger brother to the Earle of *Devonshire*; 3. Earle of *Northamptons*; 4. the Earle of *Westmorlands*; 5. the Earle of *Crawfords*; 6. the Lord *Willonghbyrs*, (now Earle of *Lindsey*) who hath likewise the command of the Kings life Guard; that consist's of two thousand, fifteen hundred whereof are foot men, and the rest Dragoneers; 7. Sir *Thomas d'Allisons*, a *Linconshire* Baronet, but a man of small meanes; though some way of great parts; 8. Sir *William Pennymans*, who hath likewise a Regiment of foot, left behind at *Bridgnorth* by the Kings appointement, to secure his Subjects there, that opposed the Militia. 9. Captain *Thomas Sheltons*; 10. Captain *Iohn Iacksons*, lately Gentlemen of the Horse to the Earle of *Strafford*. The second Regiment of Horse belongs to Prince *Rupert*, which consists of seven troopes, but none of them half full; of their Captaines I know none, but Captain *Daniell Oneyle*, who, from being a Prisoner here, whence he strangly escaped, is mounted to the honour of Prince *Ruperts* Serjeant Major. 3. the Earle of *Carnarvans*, consisting of six troopes, whose Serjeant Major is Sir *Charles Lucas*, now Colonell of a Regiment of foot besides; 4. the Lord Viscount *Grandisons*, consisting of six troopes, whose Serjeant Major is Captain *Richard Willis*;

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re Colonell *Henry Wilmott's*, consisting of six Troopes, who is Commissary-Generall of the Horse, and for his Sarjeant Major, hath Capine *Edward Fielding*; the sixth, and last of those, that are now with the ing, is Sir *Iohn Biron's*, who is Governour to the Duke of *Yorke*, and, for s Serjeant-Major hath his brother *Gilbert Biron*, wherein are but five roopes, and those weakened much at *Worcester*: which is all his Horse re, excepting Dragoneers, whereof there are these Regiments, and no ore that I ever heard of. 1. Colonell *Hastings* his, that consists of a ousand, which indeed is a mixed Regiment, because halfe of them are orse; 2. Colonell *Edward Greys*, younger brother to the LORD *REY* of *Werke*, which consists of a thousand, but all Dragoers; 3. is Colonell Gores, younger brother to Sir Thomas Gore, gh Sheriffe of Yorke-shire, which consists of a thousand, all ragoneers likewise. 4. Sir Edward Duncombes, that consists five hundred, whom the KING hath made a Baronet, to his ighbours great envy, for the service, which hee did him in the view at eyworth-more, where all the Yorkists mett to receave the Kings pleare, which by Sir Edward Duncombe they were pressed to observe e last is that five hundred, which are part of the life Guard: and this, am sure, is all his strength of Horse here, but what he hath elswhere to mee unknown. For his whole store of Ordinance, bee hath some irty peeces, whereof eight are very large, some tenn of a middle, and e rest of smalter size for his store of Munition, it cannot bee much, ecause it is so sparingly given out to the Souldiers, whose small skill Arithmatique can half number all the Cornes of it, I meane of eir powder) judge then what their Bullett is: and, for their store of latch, it may quickly bee O're-matched. But, I think, the Kings chief Confidence lyes not in his forces strength, so much, as in the fury of his aring Cavalliers, to whom he is exhorted to give a firme Belieff, and a aithfull adherence, by the Clergy about him; with whom the Lawyers here doe Cooperate to that end; as men, that need the Ayd of eir courage to protect them: amongst which the Lord *Keeper*, ir *Robert Heath*, master *Holborne*, and master *Hyde*, are all hat I know of. And, least the King should faile to remember what they say, they in the Church it selfe use the same Perswaions to him, choosing Texts, for the purpose, so full of Ambiguity, as like the Delphique Oracle, will admitt a double sence; nd God grant they delude not the best Christian King, as that did the

ioolish Pagans, that ranne thither for directions, how to manage their affaires, and appease their angry gods, who themselves were but dumbe Idols, though the devill often spake in them. Besides there are some *Lords* that are still about the King, of which the Earles of *Bristoll*, *Southampton*, and *Northampton*, with the Lord *Digby*, *Willoughby*, now in durance, *Falkland*, *Newark*, *Savile*, and *Dundsmore*, are the chiefe; and some other meaner Courtiers, all notorious Delinquents by name, Sir *Edward Deering*, and Sir *George Benmnion* Baronets, with Sir *George Strode* Knight, who are never unready to lend their best assistance, to make the like Impressions of hope in the King, that, for all his late defeate, he shall vanquish at the last: Whereby the pure Fountaine of His goodnesse being poysoned, such streames must needs run thence, as we see our Land o're-flowen with, even Rivers of bloud, and springs of griefe, and feare; and till those be dryed up by God's own Almighty hand, we can neither look for inward, nor so much, as outward peace: and our plenty in the interim being wholly consumed, we may all cry out, *Ichabod*, *Our glory is departed*. But good Lord, of thy great mercy, so worke with our good King, in the opening of his eyes, and the softning of his heart, as to make him clearely see, by his speedy returne to us, or, whilst he staies from us, conscientiously to feele, that the depth of our sufferings, needs the height of his compassion: and that thence he may be brought to approve of this Maxime, that a King in nothing is, nor can be so happie, as in his peoples love, and his Kingdomes lasting peace. But, to wrap up my sad story in a cheerefull Catastrophe, there are missing in this Army, which were Officers in the Battell, and therefore dead out-right, ill hurt, or taken Prisoners, by which means they are made useles for any further service, these that follow, with some more that I know not of. Sir *Ralph Dutton* himselfe, Colonell of a Regiment foote, his Lievetenant-Colonell, Captaine *Stephen Hawkings*; his Sarjeant Major, Captaine *Digory Collins*; Colonell *Blage*, his Lievtenant-Colonell, Capaine *George Lisle*, who had his Commission for a company in *Ireland*, but never came over; Captaine *Barnaby Scudamore*, Sarjeant-Major to the same Regiment, Colonell *Bolles*, who was Sir *John Clotworthyes* Lievtenant Colonell there, Cap. *Richard Dewz*, brother to Sir *Simonds Dewz*, Lievtenant Colonell to *Bolles*, and Cap. *Nathaniel Moyle*, his Sarjeant Major Sir *Thomas Danby* Lievtenant Colonell to Mr. *Iohn Bellasis*, Colonell to a Regiment of foot, and Cap. *Immanuel Gilby*, Sarjeant Major to the same; the Lord Generall's Lievtenant-Colonell, Captaine *Mountros*, Cap. *Thomas Sherley*, Lievtenant-Colonell to Sir *Lewis Dives* Regiments, & Captaine

taine *Gervase Holles*, Sarjeant Major to the same. At length my work is finished, which went on much the stronger through my willingnesse to leave nothing that was needfull unmentioned: which now done, instead of proving mee the Father of a Lye, will rather prove Truth to bee the Daughter of Time. *Vtilitatis servus publicæ, sicut vestræ Amplitudinis, ignotarum ignotissimus.*

## My Lords, and Gentlemen;

TOuching your first proposition, which was for my acquainting you with the names of those other Commanders, whereof I made no mention, that are absent his time from His Majesties Army, by the letts of present sicknesse, late death, or forc'd restraint, my Answer is this, which I wish you to confide in. Our Lord Generall then shot, is since dead of his hurts; Sir *Edmond Verney*, His Majesties then Knight-Marshall, and Standard-bearer, fell dead in the field; Captaine *Robert Townes-end*, one of the Lord Generalls private Captaines, and Captaine *Bellingham*, who (as I take it) was of Colonell *Bellasis* his Regiment, with Sir *Henry Reeve*, His Majesties eldest Pentioner dyed, and were buryed all three at *Oxford*, whence Sir *Gilbert Gerard*, (farre-Country Captaine) but now Lievtenant Colonell to the Lord-Viscount *Monmouth* his Regiment, (who here is called, and generally believed to be *Ballard*, as Sarjeant Major *Willis* is likewise nick-named *Wallis*, for so I finde them mentioned in some published false papers,) was carryed at that time very sicke into the Country, where since (as we heare) hee is dead of his wounds. There were taken in the or on the way, I meane betwixt *Kenyton*, and *Oxford*) these which follow, the then Lord *Willoughby*, but now Earle of *Lindsey*, Sir *Edward Stardling Baronett*, Colonell of a Regiment of foote, Sir *Henry Radley* a *Lincolnshyre* Knight, and one of the private Captaines of the Lord Generalls Regiment, Sir *Thomas Lunsford* Colonell of a foote Regiment, and come lately to the King from the westerne Army; Sir *Gilbert Gerard* before mentioned; Colonell *William Vavasor* now, but Lievtenant-Colonell under the said Lord *Willoughby* of His Majesties Life-guard whose brave Sarjeant-Major Captaine *William Leighton*, lost in the battaile, is since much lamented; Sarjeant-Major *Willis*, who serves under the Lord *Grandison* in his regiment of Horse; Master *James strange-wayes*, Coronet to Sir *Lewis Dyve* his brother in lawes Troope, one Master *White* a Lievtenant, but to whom I know not; with very many more, whose names I never heard of, for your second, touching the number of common Souldiers lost, I am sure when our Army came next to be reviewed, we lacked of kill'd, and run-wayes, three thousand at least; which shall be my answer to that Proposition. For the third, touching His Majesties behaviour of Himself upon the march, I must thereto reply, if I shall deale ingeniously, he disarm'd the Trayned-bands every where, as he past, by a Stratagem devised, and Traine layd for that purpose, which was this; the very day before he marched away from *Nottingham*, (for till then, but a few of our Soul-

Souldiers were halfe armed, for which cauſe they ner'e but once there were viewed in a full body, hee ſent to the High Sheriffe of *Derbiſhire*, to wait on him the next day, with the Trained Bands at *Derby*, (as before hee had done to the other of *Nottinghamſhire*) and they met him accordingly in their compleate proper Armes, where ſtill after he hrd tooke up his lodging, he gave order, that foure, or five Drummes ſhould beat up and downe the Towne, commanding the Trained ſouldiers to bring in all their Armes, (and that I muſt needs ſay, upon paine of death,) either to the Town-Hall or ſome other ſuch place, where there ſtill were ſome appointed to receave them for His uſe and the Sarjeant Major Generall for the moſt part was then preſent: and thus the moſt were got, but yet ſome by meere force, the Cavaleers ſtill taking them where they chanced to find them, not without the Kings approvement, though perhaps without his privity: And, as for His proviſion of Victuall for Himſelfe or carriage, for His Ordnance, or Baggage, then were brought in by the Countryupon His ſpeciall warrant (all Refuſors to contribute being layd by the heeles) but yet paid for (as I heard) at his Majeſties eaſie rates; for the fourth, which was the cauſe why I did deſert His Army, (as I may ſeeme to doe, by my ſo departing from it) in anſwer thereunto, I muſt alledge theſe Motives.

First, I neither could get pay, nor knew how to live without it, and,

Secondly, (to ſpeake Truth) it was not my leaſt Trouble, to ſee Papiſts ſwarme ſo in His Maieſties Army, and receave that countenance from him, as to bee made His Colonels; againſt whoſe religion he had ſo much proteſted, for their more than Iewiſh cruelty, and worſe than Turkiſh villany, to the poore Iriſh Proteſtants, whom they have ſo long afflicted, for the laſt, which was the number of the Iriſh runna-gates, that ſtill follow His Army upon all removalls, I way averr the boldlyer, becauſe I oft had ſeene it, of men, women, and Children, there is ſtill at leaſt three hundred; all waiting for imployment in any gainefull way: which made me (though no Coward) feare to march amongſt them. Thus I have in much weakeneſſe expreſt my greater willingneſſe, both to your Iuſt commands, and to ſerve my deare Country.

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